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1. SIGNING OF RENEWED AND EXTENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN AFGHAN GOVERNMENT AND UNFDAC ON MAY 19 (REFTEL) WAS WELL COVERED IN ALL NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS, AND IN TURN SPARKED EDITORIALS IN ENGLISH DAILY KABUL TIMES AND DARI LANGUAGE JOMHURIYET.

2. KABUL TIMES EDITORIAL IS LONGER AND GIVES IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL WHAT AFGHAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DO TOWARD DRUG CONTROL BESIDES STRENGTHENING NARCOTIC CONTROL AGENCY AS PROVIDED BY UNFDAC AGREEMENT. MEASURES OUTLINED ARE: REDUCING "HIPPIE" ENTRY INTO COUNTRY; INCREASING POLICE VIGILANCE AGAINST TRAFFICKERS; TIGHTENING CHECKS AT AIRPORTS AND ENTRY POINTS; BANNING POPPY CULTIVATION; PUNISHING SEVERELY PERSONS CAUGHT IN ILLEGAL NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES; TIGHTENING CONTROL OVER SALE OF HALLUCINOGENS AT PHARMACIES.

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3. TIMES ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POPPY CULTIVATORS WHICH COULD COMPENSATE THEM FOR LOSS AND ENCOURAGE SUBSTITUTE CROPS. EDITORIAL IS DEFENSIVE IN THAT IT OPENS NO DOORS UPON DOMESTIC USE OF NARCOTICS AND PORTRAYS NO ADDICTION, BUT RATHER PAINTS AFGHAN EFFORTS IN TERMS OF CONCERN FOR "WELFARE AND HAPPINESS OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH."

4. JOMHURIYET EDITORIAL LAYS MORE EMPHASIS ON SMUGGLING ASPECTS OF DRUG CONTROL, AND LINKS UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS AMONG ENTITIES VICTIMIZED BY INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC. THIS EDITORIAL APPEARS MORE IN GUISE OF EXPLANATION TO AFGHAN PUBLIC OF NEED FOR AND DIMENSIONS OF GOA-UNFDAC JOINT UNDERTAKING.
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